

## REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 3, 5 and 11 have been amended. Claims 1-6 and 9-21 are pending and under consideration.

The §102 rejection of claims 5-10 is respectfully traversed. Independent claim 5 recites wherein if the printing position is just before the overfeeding position, the dummy nozzles print a width corresponding to the overfeeding amount together with all of the nozzles printing the normal printing area. Thus, the normal printing area and the overfeeding amount are printed. These features are shown, for example, in present FIG. 5(II). In contrast, FIG. 40 of Ogasahara discloses that the normal ejection ports print less when there is a sheet feeding error (right side) as compared with the normal ejection ports when a sheet feeding error does not occur (left side).

The §103 rejection of claims 1-4 and 11-21 is respectfully traversed. Independent claim 1 recites that the printing is implemented by dummy nozzles corresponding to the overfeeding amount together with nozzles corresponding to the entire preset printing width. As already noted, FIG. 40 of Ogasahara discloses that the normal ejection ports print less when there is a sheet feeding error (right side) as compared with the normal ejection ports when a sheet feeding error does not occur (left side).

Yamasaki does not overcome this deficiency.

Independent claims 3 and 11 are patentable over the cited references at least for similar reasons as discussed with respect to claim 1.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

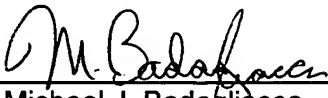
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